



## Updated Restrictions on Key Worker Hubs

On the evening of June 21st, headteachers received updated guidance from the LEA on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. Having already set the groupings to include your children spending an allocated day with their teacher as well as attending the hub, we were forced to return to the drawing board and formulate new plans so that we could safely accommodate your children whilst ensuring we adhered to the risk assessments and safety protocols.

The updated guidance demands that in relation to our groupings at school;

*'These groups should remain consistent as changing the membership will increase the risk of transmission.'*

*In returning to school, children should attend just **one** setting wherever possible, and should **remain in the same small, consistent group** within that setting, as far as possible. This will help reduce the likelihood of the virus moving between groups within that one setting, or moving between groups in different settings.*

*If a child attends more than one setting, for example school and wrap-around or out of school childcare, **the child should remain in the same, small group across both settings**. Mixing children from different groups is not consistent with the need to minimise overall levels of contact.'*

It is incredibly difficult to ignore my own opinions and feelings as a parent and a headteacher and put these regulations into practice. However, regardless of whether I agree or disagree with them, I cannot argue with the science behind these restrictions. Ultimately, these restrictions have to be implemented to ensure that we limit the chance of the virus being spread as much as we can.

All children of key workers who attend the hub will be cared for in our Reception unit. They will not mix with other 'pods' or staff not assigned to the hub. These regulations ensure that we each play our part in minimising the risk of COVID-19, which remains very much a threat at the moment.